

## State of Misconsin 2003 – 2004 LEGISLATURE

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### PRELIMINARY DRAFT - NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION



and reinstatement of an operating privilege
(Regen)

1 AN ACT to amend 118.163 (2) (a), 118.163 (2m) (a), 343.28 (2), 343.30 (4), 343.305

2 (7) (a), 343.305 (9) (a) (intro.), 343.305 (9) (am) (intro.), 345.47 (1) (c), 345.48 (2),

345.48 (3), 345.48 (4), 800.09 (1) (c), 938.17 (2) (d), 938.34 (8), 938.34 (8d) (d),

938.34 (14m), 938.34 (14r) (a), 938.342 (1g) (a), 938.343 (2), 938.344 (2e) (b),

938.355 (6) (d) 2., 938.355 (6m) (a) 1m. and 961.50 (1) (intro.) of the statutes;

relating to: seizure by a court or law enforcement officer of a motor vehicle

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### Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, if a person is convicted of an offense for which revocation of the person's operating privilege is mandatory, or if a court otherwise suspends or revokes a person's operating privilege, the court must take possession of the person's operator's license and forward it to the Department of Transportation (DOT).

Under this bill, a court under these circumstances may take possession of a person's operator's license but is not required to do so.

Under current law, if a person is arrested for driving or operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of an intoxicant (OWI), a law enforcement officer may request the person to take a test to determine the amount of alcohol in his or her blood or breath. If a person submits to the test and the test results indicate a prohibited alcohol concentration, or if the person refuses to take the test, the officer must take possession of the person's operator's license and forward it to DOT.

If a court does take possession of a person's operator's license, the court must destroy the license.

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Under this bill, a law enforcement officer under these circumstances may not take possession of a person's operator's license.

For further information see the state and local fiscal estimate, which will be

printed as an appendix to this bill.

### The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

**SECTION 1.** 118.163 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

118.163 (2) (a) Suspension of the person's operating privilege for not less than 30 days nor more than one year. The court shall immediately may take possession of any suspended license and forward it. The court shall forward to the department of transportation together with a notice stating the reason for and the duration of the suspension, together with any license of which the court takes possession.

SECTION 2 118.163 (2m) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

118.163 (2m) (a) A county, city, village or town may enact an ordinance permitting a court to suspend the operating privilege of a person who is at least 16 years of age but less than 18 years of age and is a dropout. The ordinance shall provide that the court may suspend the person's operating privilege until the person reaches the age of 18. The court shall immediately may take possession of any suspended license and forward it. The court shall forward to the department of transportation together with a notice stating the reason for and the duration of the suspension together with any license of which the court takes possession

SECTION 3. 343.28 (2) of the statutes, as affected by 2003 Wisconsin Act 33, is amended to read:

343.28 (2) Whenever a person is convicted of any offense for which s. 343.31 makes mandatory the revocation by the secretary of such person's operating privilege, the court in which the conviction occurred shall may require the surrender

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to it of any license then held by such person. The clerk of the court, or the justice, judge or magistrate if the court has no clerk, shall, as provided in s. 345.48, forward to the department the record of conviction and any surrendered licenses license. The record of conviction forwarded to the department shall state whether the offender was involved in an accident at the time of the offense, whether the offender was operating a commercial motor vehicle at the time of the offense and, if so, whether the offender was transporting hazardous materials requiring placarding or any quantity of a material listed as a select agent or toxin under 42 CFR 73, or was operating a vehicle designed to carry, or actually carrying, 16 or more passengers, including the driver.

SECTION 343.30 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

343.30 (4) Whenever a court or judge suspends or revokes an operating privilege under this section, the court or judge shall immediately may take possession of any suspended or revoked license and. The court or judge shall forward it, as provided in s. 345.48, to the department together with the record of conviction and notice of suspension or revocation, together with any license of which the court or judge takes possession. Whenever a court or judge restricts the operating privilege of a person, the court or judge shall forward notice of the restriction to the department.

SECTION 343.305 (7) (a) of the statutes, as affected by 2003 Wisconsin Act 97, is amended to read:

343.305 (7) (a) If a person submits to chemical testing administered in accordance with this section and any test results indicate the presence of a detectable amount of a restricted controlled substance in the person's blood or a prohibited alcohol concentration, the law enforcement officer shall report the results to the

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department and take possession of the person's license and forward it to the department. The person's operating privilege is administratively suspended for 6 months.

**SECTION 6.** 343.305 (9) (a) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

343.305 (9) (a) (intro.) If a person refuses to take a test under sub. (3) (a), the law enforcement officer shall immediately take possession of the person's license and prepare a notice of intent to revoke, by court order under sub. (10), the person's operating privilege. If the person was driving or operating a commercial motor vehicle, the officer shall issue an out-of-service order to the person for the 24 hours after the refusal and notify the department in the manner prescribed by the department. The officer shall issue a copy of the notice of intent to revoke the privilege to the person and submit or mail a copy with the person's license to the circuit court for the county in which the arrest under sub. (3) (a) was made. The officer shall also mail a copy of the notice of intent to revoke to the district attorney for that county and the department. The notice of intent to revoke the person's operating privilege shall contain substantially all of the following information:

SECTION 7. 343.305 (9) (am) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

343.305 (9) (am) (intro.) If a person driving or operating or on duty time with respect to a commercial motor vehicle refuses a test under sub. (3) (am), the law enforcement officer shall immediately take possession of the person's license, issue an out-of-service order to the person for the 24 hours after the refusal and notify the department in the manner prescribed by the department, and prepare a notice of intent to revoke, by court order under sub. (10), the person's operating privilege. The officer shall issue a copy of the notice of intent to revoke the privilege to the person and submit or mail a copy with the person's license to the circuit court for the county

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in which the refusal is made. The officer shall also mail a copy of the notice of intent to revoke to the district attorney for that county and the department. The notice of intent to revoke the person's operating privilege shall contain substantially all of the following information:

**SECTION 8.** 345.47 (1) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

345.47 (1) (c) If a court or judge suspends an operating privilege under this section, the court or judge shall immediately may take possession of the suspended license and the court or judge shall forward it to the department together with the notice of suspension, which shall clearly state that the suspension was for failure to pay a forfeiture, a penalty assessment, if required by s. 757.05, a truck driver education assessment, if required by s. 349.04, a jail assessment, if required by s. 302.46 (1), a railroad crossing improvement assessment, if required by s. 346.177, 346.495 or 346.65 (4r), and a crime laboratories and drug law enforcement assessment, if required by s. 165.755, imposed by the court, together with any license of which the court or judge takes possession. The notice of suspension and the suspended license, if it is available and if the court or judge takes possession of it, shall be forwarded to the department within 48 hours after the order of suspension. If the forfeiture, penalty assessment, jail assessment, truck driver education assessment, railroad crossing improvement assessment, and crime laboratories and drug law enforcement assessment are paid during a period of suspension, the court or judge shall immediately notify the department. Upon receipt of the notice and payment of the reinstatement fee under s. 343.21 (1) (j), the department shall return the any surrendered license of which the court or judge takes possession and forwards to the department.

SECTION 345.48 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

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345.48 (2) If the defendant is found guilty of a traffic violation for which revocation of his or her operating privilege is mandatory under s. 343.31, or for which the court revokes or suspends his or her operating privilege under s. 343.30, the court shall immediately may take possession of the suspended or revoked license. The revocation or suspension is effective immediately. The court ordered suspension or revocation shall be included as part of the report of conviction under sub. (1m).

SECTION 10. 345.48 (3) of the statutes is amended to read:

345.48 (3) If no notice of appeal is filed within 10 days, the court shall, within 5 working days after expiration of the 10-day period, forward to the department any surrendered license of which the court takes possession.

SECTION 345.48 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

345.48 (4) If notice of appeal is filed the court shall, within 5 working days after it is filed, forward to the department a certificate stating that a notice of appeal has been filed and shall return any surrendered license of which the court takes possession. Thereafter, the court shall notify the department as required under s. 343.325 (1) (b) and (c).

Section 12 800.09 (1) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

800.09 (1) (c) The court may suspend the defendant's operating privilege, as defined in s. 340.01 (40), until restitution is made and the forfeiture, assessments and costs are paid, if the defendant has not done so within 60 days after the date the restitution or payments or both are to be made under par. (a) and has not notified the court that he or she is unable to comply with the judgment, as provided under s. 800.095 (4) (a), except that the suspension period may not exceed 2 years. The court shall may take possession of the suspended license and. The court shall forward the license along with, a notice of the suspension clearly stating that the suspension is

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for failure to comply with a judgment of the court, along with any license of which the court takes possession to the department of transportation. This paragraph does not apply if the forfeiture is assessed for violation of an ordinance that is unrelated 3 to the violator's operation of a motor vehicle. 4 SECTION 45. 938.17 (2) (d) of the statutes is amended to read: 5 938.17 (2) (d) If a municipal court finds that the juvenile violated a municipal 6 ordinance other than an ordinance enacted under s. 118.163 or an ordinance that 7 conforms to s. 125.07 (4) (a) or (b), 125.085 (3) (b), 125.09 (2), 961.573 (2), 961.574 (2) 8 9 or 961.575 (2), the court shall enter any of the dispositional orders permitted under s. 938.343 that are authorized under par. (cm). If a juvenile fails to pay the forfeiture 10 imposed by the municipal court, the court may not impose a jail sentence but may 11 12 suspend any license issued under ch. 29 for not less than 30 days nor more than 5 years, or suspend the juvenile's operating privilege, as defined in s. 340.01 (40), for 13 not more than 2 years. If a court suspends a license or privilege under this section, 14 the court shall immediately take possession of the applicable license and forward it 15 if issued under ch. 29 or, if the license is issued under ch. 343, the court may take 16 possession of the license. The court shall forward to the department that issued the 17 license, together with the notice of suspension clearly stating that the suspension is 18 for failure to pay a forfeiture imposed by the court, together with any license of which 19 the court takes possession. If the forfeiture is paid during the period of suspension, 20 the court shall immediately notify the department, which shall thereupon return the license to the person.

j if the license is 13 smed ander ch. 29, 21 22 SECTION 4. 938.34 (8) of the statutes is amended to read: 23 24 938.34 (8) FORFEITURE. Impose a forfeiture based upon a determination that this disposition is in the best interest of the juvenile and in aid of rehabilitation. The 25

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maximum forfeiture that the court may impose under this subsection for a violation by a juvenile is the maximum amount of the fine that may be imposed on an adult for committing that violation or, if the violation is applicable only to a person under 18 years of age, \$100. Any such order shall include a finding that the juvenile alone is financially able to pay the forfeiture and shall allow up to 12 months for payment. If the juvenile fails to pay the forfeiture, the court may vacate the forfeiture and order other alternatives under this section, in accordance with the conditions specified in this chapter; or the court may suspend any license issued under ch. 29 for not less than 30 days nor more than 5 years, or suspend the juvenile's operating privilege, as defined in s. 340.01 (40), for not more than 2 years. If the court suspends any license under this subsection, the clerk of the court shall immediately take possession of the suspended license and forward it if issued under ch. 29 or, if the license is issued under ch. 343, the court may take possession of the license. The court shall forward to the department which issued the license, together with a notice of suspension clearly stating that the suspension is for failure to pay a forfeiture imposed by the court, together with any license of which the court takes possession. If the forfeiture is paid during the period of suspension, the suspension shall be reduced to the time period which has already elapsed and the court shall immediately notify the department which shall then return the license to the juvenile. Any recovery under this subsection shall be reduced by the amount recovered as a forfeiture for the same act under s. 938.45 (1r) (b).

SECTION 15. 938.34 (8d) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

938.34 (8d) (d) If the juvenile fails to pay the surcharge under par. (a), the court may vacate the surcharge and order other alternatives under this section, in accordance with the conditions specified in this chapter; or the court may suspend

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any license issued under ch. 29 for not less than 30 days nor more than 5 years, or 1 suspend the juvenile's operating privilege, as defined in s. 340.01 (40), for not less 2 3 than 30 days nor more than 5 years. If the court suspends any license under this subsection, the clerk of the court shall immediately take possession of the suspended 4 5 license and forward it if issued under ch. 29 or, if the license is issued under ch. 343, the court may take possession of the license. The court shall forward to the 6 department which issued the license, together with a notice of suspension clearly 7 stating that the suspension is for failure to pay a surcharge imposed by the court, 8 together with any license of which the court takes possession. If the surcharge is paid 9 during the period of suspension, the suspension shall be reduced to the time period 10 which has already elapsed and the court shall immediately notify the department 11 ) if the license is issued under ch. 29 **12** which shall then return the license to the juvenile.

SECTION 16. 938.34 (14m) of the statutes is amended to read:

938.34 (14m) VIOLATION INVOLVING A MOTOR VEHICLE. Restrict or suspend the operating privilege, as defined in s. 340.01 (40), of a juvenile who is adjudicated delinquent under a violation of any law in which a motor vehicle is involved. If the court suspends a juvenile's operating privilege under this subsection, the court shall immediately may take possession of the suspended license and forward it. The court shall forward to the department of transportation together with a notice stating the reason for and duration of the suspension together with any license of which the court takes possession. If the court limits a juvenile's operating privilege under this subsection, the court shall immediately notify the department of transportation of that limitation.

SECTION 17. 938.34 (14r) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

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938.34 (14r) (a) In addition to any other dispositions imposed under this section, if the juvenile is found to have violated ch. 961, the court shall suspend the juvenile's operating privilege, as defined in s. 340.01 (40), for not less than 6 months nor more than 5 years. The court shall immediately may take possession of any suspended license and forward it. The court shall forward to the department of transportation together with the notice of suspension clearly stating that the suspension or revocation is for a violation of ch. 961, together with any license of

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SECTION 18. 938.342 (1g) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

938.342 (1g) (a) Suspend the person's operating privilege, as defined in s. 340.01 (40), for not less than 30 days nor more than one year. The court shall immediately may take possession of the suspended license and forward it. The court shall forward to the department of transportation together with a notice stating the reason for and duration of the suspension, together with any license of which the

court takes possession.

SECTION 19 938.343 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

938.343 (2) Impose a forfeiture not to exceed the maximum forfeiture that may be imposed on an adult for committing that violation or, if the violation is only applicable to a person under 18 years of age, \$50. Any such order shall include a finding that the juvenile alone is financially able to pay and shall allow up to 12 months for the payment. If a juvenile fails to pay the forfeiture, the court may suspend any license issued under ch. 29 or suspend the juvenile's operating privilege, as defined in s. 340.01 (40), for not more than 2 years. The court shall immediately take possession of the suspended license and forward it if issued under ch. 29 or, if the license is issued under ch. 343, the court may take possession of the license. The

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1 court shall forward to the department which issued the license, together with the 2 notice of suspension clearly stating that the suspension is for failure to pay a issued under ch. 29 forfeiture imposed by the court, together with any license of which the court takes 3 4 possession. If the forfeiture is paid during the period of suspension, the court shall 5 immediately notify the department, which will thereupon return the license to the 6 person. Any recovery under this subsection shall be reduced by the amount 7 recovered as a forfeiture for the same act under s. 938.45 (1r) (b). SECTION 20: 938.344 (2e) (b) of the statutes is amended to read: 8

938.344 (2e) (b) Whenever a court suspends a juvenile's operating privilege under this subsection, the court shall immediately may take possession of any suspended license and forward it. The court shall immediately forward to the department of transportation, together with the notice of suspension clearly stating that the suspension is for a violation under s. 961.573 (2), 961.574 (2) or 961.575 (2), or a local ordinance that strictly conforms to one of those statutes, together with any

license of which the court takes possession

SECTION 21. 938.355 (6) (d) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

938.355 (6) (d) 2. Suspension of or limitation on the use of the juvenile's operating privilege, as defined under s. 340.01 (40), or of any approval issued under ch. 29 for a period of not more than 3 years. If the juvenile does not hold a valid operator's license under ch. 343, other than an instruction permit under s. 343.07 or a restricted license under s. 343.08, on the date of the order issued under this subdivision, the court may order the suspension to begin on the date that the operator's license would otherwise be reinstated or issued after the juvenile applies and qualifies for issuance or 2 years after the date of the order issued under this subdivision, whichever occurs first. If the court suspends the juvenile's operating

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privileges or an approval issued under ch. 29, the court shall immediately take possession of the suspended license or approval and forward it may take possession of the suspended license. The court shall forward to the department that issued it, together with the license or approval the notice of suspension, together with any license or approval of which the court takes possession.

SECTION 22. 938.355 (6m) (a) 1m. of the statutes is amended to read:

938.355 (6m) (a) 1m. Suspension or limitation on the use of the juvenile's operating privilege, as defined under s. 340.01 (40), or of any approval issued under ch. 29 for not more than one year. If the juvenile does not hold a valid operator's license under ch. 343, other than an instruction permit under s. 343.07 or a restricted license under s. 343.08, on the date of the order issued under this subdivision, the court may order the suspension or limitation to begin on the date that the operator's license would otherwise be reinstated or issued after the juvenile applies and qualifies for issuance or 2 years after the date of the order issued under this subdivision, whichever occurs first. If the court suspends a juvenile's operating privilege or an approval issued under ch. 29, the court shall immediately take possession of the suspended license or approval and forward it may take possession of the suspended license. The court shall forward to the department that issued the license or approval with a notice stating the reason for and the duration of the suspension, together with any license or approval of which the court takes possession.

SECTION 23. 961.50 (1) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

961.50 (1) (intro.) If a person is convicted of any violation of this chapter, the court shall, in addition to any other penalties that may apply to the crime, suspend the person's operating privilege, as defined in s. 340.01 (40), for not less than 6

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1 months nor more than 5 years. The court shall immediately may take possession of 2 any suspended license and forward it. The court shall forward to the department of 3 transportation together with the record of conviction and notice of the suspension. 4) together with any license of which the court takes possession. The person is eligible 5 for an occupational license under s. 343.10 as follows: SECTION 24. Initial applicability. 6 7 (1) This act first applies to convictions, suspensions, revocations, and refusals 8 occurring on the effective date of this subsection.

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Under current law, with limited exceptions, a suspended operating privilege is automatically reinstated when the period of suspension has terminated and a reinstatement fee is paid to DOT or when the suspension is based on a conviction and the conviction is reversed, set aside, or vacated. Whenever a person's operating privilege is automatically reinstated, DOT must notify the person and return any surrendered and unexpired license in its possession.

Also under current law, if a court suspends a person's operating privilege for failure to pay a forfeiture or surcharge, the court must take possession of the person's suspended operator's license and forward it to DOT, and DOT must return the license to the person upon payment of the forfeiture or surcharge and payment of the reinstatement fee.

Under this bill, which requires the court to destroy a person's operator's license if the court takes possession of it, DOT does not return a person's suspended operator's license upon reinstatement of the person's operating privilege. Instead, a new license must be issued.

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SECTION 1, 343.28 (2) of the statutes, as affected by 2003 Wisconsin Act 33, is amended to read:

343.28 (2) Whenever a person is convicted of any offense for which s. 343.31 makes mandatory the revocation by the secretary of such person's operating privilege, the court in which the conviction occurred shall may require the surrender to it of any license then held by such person and, if the court requires surrender of a license, the court shall destroy the license. The clerk of the court, or the justice, judge or magistrate if the court has no clerk, shall, as provided in s. 345.48, forward to the department the record of conviction and any surrendered licenses. The record of conviction forwarded to the department, which shall state whether the offender was involved in an accident at the time of the offense, whether the offender was operating a commercial motor vehicle at the time of the offense and, if so, whether

the offender was transporting hazardous materials requiring placarding or any quantity of a material listed as a select agent or toxin under 42 CFR 73, or was operating a vehicle designed to carry, or actually carrying, 16 or more passengers, including the driver.

History: 1971 c. 278; 1977 c. 29 s. 1654 (7) (a), (c); 1977 c. 273; 1979 c. 331; 1989 a. 105; 1995 a. 113; 1999 a. 140; 2003 a. 33.

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SECTION 2, 343.305 (9) (a) (intro.) of the statutes, as affected by 2003 Wisconsin Act 199, is amended to read:

343.305 (9) (a) (intro.) If a person refuses to take a test under sub. (3) (a), the law enforcement officer shall immediately take possession of the person's license and prepare a notice of intent to revoke, by court order under sub. (10), the person's operating privilege. If the person was driving or operating a commercial motor vehicle, the officer shall issue an out-of-service order to the person for the 24 hours after the refusal and notify the department in the manner prescribed by the department. The officer shall issue a copy of the notice of intent to revoke the privilege to the person and submit or mail a copy with the person's license to the circuit court for the county in which the arrest under sub. (3) (a) was made or to the municipal court in the municipality in which the arrest was made if the arrest was for a violation of a municipal ordinance under sub. (3) (a) and the municipality has a municipal court. The officer shall also mail a copy of the notice of intent to revoke to the attorney for that municipality or to the district attorney for that county, as appropriate, and to the department. The notice of intent to revoke the person's operating privilege shall contain substantially all of the following information:

NOTE: NOTE: Par. (a) (Intro.) is shown as amended eff. 8-1-04 by 2003 Wis. Act 199. Prior to 8-1-04 it reads: NOTE;

<sup>(</sup>a) If a person refuses to take a test under sub. (3) (a), the law enforcement officer shall immediately take passession of the person's license and prepare a notice of intent to revoke, by court order under sub. (10), the person's operating privilege. If the person was driving or operating a commercial motor vehicle, the officer shall issue an out-of-service order to the person for the 24 hours after the refusal and notify the department in the manner prescribed by the department. The officer shall issue a copy of the notice of intent to revoke the privilege to the person and submit or mail a copy with the person's license to the circuit court for the county in which

surrendered and unexpired license in its possession. If the license expired during the period of revocation or suspension, such person may renew the license at the standard renewal fee at any time within 30 days after the reinstatement of the operating privilege.

History: 1973 c. 90; 1977 c. 29 s. 1614 (7) (a); 1977 c. 273; 1991 a. 39, 277; 1993 a. 16; 1997 a. 84.

SECTION 3 345.47 (1) (c) of the statutes, as affected by 2003 Wisconsin Act 139, is amended to read:

345.47 (1) (c) If a court or judge suspends an operating privilege under this section, the court or judge shall immediately may take possession of, and if possession is taken, shall destroy, the suspended license and the court or judge shall forward it to the department together with the notice of suspension, which shall clearly state that the suspension was for failure to pay a forfeiture, plus costs, fees, and surcharges imposed under ch. 814. The notice of suspension and the suspended license, if it is available, shall be forwarded to the department within 48 hours after the order of suspension. If the forfeiture, plus costs, fees, and surcharges imposed under ch. 814, are paid during a period of suspension, the court or judge shall immediately notify the department. Upon receipt of the notice and payment of the reinstatement fee under s. 343.21 (1) (j), the department shall return the surrendered license.

History: 1971 c. 278; 1973 c. 218; 1977 c. 29 ss. 1477 to 1482, 1654 (7) (c); 1979 c. 34; 1981 c. 165; 1987 a. 27, 389; 1989 a. 31, 107; 1991 a. 34, 39, 189; 1993 a. 16; 1995 a. 269; 1997 a. 27, 84, 135, 237, 252; 1999 a. 9, 32, 185; 2001 a. 16; 2003 a. 139.

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SECTION 6 345.48 (3) of the statutes is repealed.

# DRAFTER'S NOTE FROM THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

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ATTN: Kristina Boardman

As discussed, the attached draft requires a court to destroy any driver's license of which it takes possession. The draft also modifies existing law that requires DOT to return a driver's license upon reinstatement of the license. Instead, DOT will issue a new license. It is unclear to me whether this change in administrative procedure will have any practical affect on licensees. For example, I do not know whether this change will require a licensee to pass any tests or meet any other requirements before the new license document is issued as part of the operating privilege reinstatement that are not currently required for reinstatement.

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### PRELIMINARY DRAFT - NOT READY FOR INTRODUCTION

AN ACT to repeal 345.48 (3); and to amend 118.163 (2) (a), 118.163 (2m) (a), 343.28 (2), 343.30 (4), 343.305 (7) (a), 343.305 (9) (a) (intro.), 343.305 (9) (am) (intro.), 343.39 (2), 345.47 (1) (c), 345.48 (2), 345.48 (4), 800.09 (1) (c), 938.17 (2) (d), 938.34 (8), 938.34 (8d) (d), 938.34 (14m), 938.34 (14r) (a), 938.342 (1g) (a), 938.343 (2), 938.344 (2e) (b), 938.355 (6) (d) 2., 938.355 (6m) (a) 1m. and 961.50 (1) (intro.) of the statutes; relating to: seizure by a court or law enforcement officer of a motor vehicle operator's license and reinstatement of an operating privilege.

### Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, if a person is convicted of an offense for which revocation of the person's operating privilege is mandatory, or if a court otherwise suspends or revokes a person's operating privilege, the court must take possession of the person's operator's license and forward it to the Department of Transportation (DOT).

Under this bill, a court under these circumstances may take possession of a person's operator's license but is not required to do so. If a court does take possession of a person's operator's license, the court must destroy the license.

Under current law, if a person is arrested for driving or operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of an intoxicant (OWI), a law enforcement officer

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may request the person to take a test to determine the amount of alcohol in his or her blood or breath. If a person submits to the test and the test results indicate a prohibited alcohol concentration, or if the person refuses to take the test, the officer must take possession of the person's operator's license and forward it to DOT.

Under this bill, a law enforcement officer under these circumstances may not take possession of a person's operator's license.

Under current law, with limited exceptions, a suspended operating privilege is automatically reinstated when the period of suspension has terminated and a reinstatement fee is paid to DOT or when the suspension is based on a conviction and the conviction is reversed, set aside, or vacated. Whenever a person's operating privilege is automatically reinstated, DOT must notify the person and return any surrendered and unexpired license in its possession.

Also under current law, if a court suspends a person's operating privilege for failure to pay a forfeiture or surcharge, the court must take possession of the person's suspended operator's license and forward it to DOT, and DOT must return the license to the person upon payment of the forfeiture or surcharge and payment of the reinstatement fee.

Under this bill, which requires the court to destroy a person's operator's license if the court takes possession of it, DOT does not return a person's suspended operator's license upon reinstatement of the person's operating privilege. Instead, a new license must be issued.

For further information see the *state and local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

# The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

**SECTION 1.** 118.163 (2) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

118.163 (2) (a) Suspension of the person's operating privilege for not less than 30 days nor more than one year. The court shall immediately may take possession of, and if possession is taken, shall destroy, any suspended license and forward it. The court shall forward to the department of transportation together with a notice stating the reason for and the duration of the suspension.

**Section 2.** 118.163 (2m) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

118.163 (2m) (a) A county, city, village or town may enact an ordinance permitting a court to suspend the operating privilege of a person who is at least 16 years of age but less than 18 years of age and is a dropout. The ordinance shall

provide that the court may suspend the person's operating privilege until the person reaches the age of 18. The court shall immediately may take possession of, and if possession is taken, shall destroy, any suspended license and forward it. The court shall forward to the department of transportation together with a notice stating the reason for and the duration of the suspension.

**SECTION 3.** 343.28 (2) of the statutes, as affected by 2003 Wisconsin Act 33, is amended to read:

343.28 (2) Whenever a person is convicted of any offense for which s. 343.31 makes mandatory the revocation by the secretary of such person's operating privilege, the court in which the conviction occurred shall may require the surrender to it of any license then held by such person and, if the court requires surrender of a license, the court shall destroy the license. The clerk of the court, or the justice, judge or magistrate if the court has no clerk, shall, as provided in s. 345.48, forward to the department the record of conviction and any surrendered licenses. The record of conviction forwarded to the department, which shall state whether the offender was involved in an accident at the time of the offense, whether the offender was operating a commercial motor vehicle at the time of the offense and, if so, whether the offender was transporting hazardous materials requiring placarding or any quantity of a material listed as a select agent or toxin under 42 CFR 73, or was operating a vehicle designed to carry, or actually carrying, 16 or more passengers, including the driver.

**SECTION 4.** 343.30 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

343.30 (4) Whenever a court or judge suspends or revokes an operating privilege under this section, the court or judge shall immediately may take possession of, and if possession is taken, shall destroy, any suspended or revoked

license and. The court or judge shall forward it, as provided in s. 345.48, to the department together with the record of conviction and notice of suspension or revocation. Whenever a court or judge restricts the operating privilege of a person, the court or judge shall forward notice of the restriction to the department.

**SECTION 5.** 343.305 (7) (a) of the statutes, as affected by 2003 Wisconsin Act 97, is amended to read:

343.305 (7) (a) If a person submits to chemical testing administered in accordance with this section and any test results indicate the presence of a detectable amount of a restricted controlled substance in the person's blood or a prohibited alcohol concentration, the law enforcement officer shall report the results to the department and take possession of the person's license and forward it to the department. The person's operating privilege is administratively suspended for 6 months.

SECTION 6. 343.305 (9) (a) (intro.) of the statutes, as affected by 2003 Wisconsin Act 199, is amended to read:

343.305 (9) (a) (intro.) If a person refuses to take a test under sub. (3) (a), the law enforcement officer shall immediately take possession of the person's license and prepare a notice of intent to revoke, by court order under sub. (10), the person's operating privilege. If the person was driving or operating a commercial motor vehicle, the officer shall issue an out-of-service order to the person for the 24 hours after the refusal and notify the department in the manner prescribed by the department. The officer shall issue a copy of the notice of intent to revoke the privilege to the person and submit or mail a copy with the person's license to the circuit court for the county in which the arrest under sub. (3) (a) was made or to the municipal court in the municipality in which the arrest was made if the arrest was

for a violation of a municipal ordinance under sub. (3) (a) and the municipality has a municipal court. The officer shall also mail a copy of the notice of intent to revoke to the attorney for that municipality or to the district attorney for that county, as appropriate, and to the department. The notice of intent to revoke the person's operating privilege shall contain substantially all of the following information:

SECTION 7. 343.305 (9) (am) (intro.) of the statutes, as affected by 2003 Wisconsin Act 199, is amended to read:

343.305 (9) (am) (intro.) If a person driving or operating or on duty time with respect to a commercial motor vehicle refuses a test under sub. (3) (am), the law enforcement officer shall immediately take possession of the person's license, issue an out-of-service order to the person for the 24 hours after the refusal and notify the department in the manner prescribed by the department, and prepare a notice of intent to revoke, by court order under sub. (10), the person's operating privilege. The officer shall issue a copy of the notice of intent to revoke the privilege to the person and submit or mail a copy with the person's license to the circuit court for the county in which the refusal is made or to the municipal court in the municipality in which the refusal is made if the person's refusal was in violation of a municipal ordinance and the municipality has a municipal court. The officer shall also mail a copy of the notice of intent to revoke to the attorney for that municipality or to the district attorney for that county, as appropriate, and to the department. The notice of intent to revoke the person's operating privilege shall contain substantially all of the following information:

**SECTION 8.** 343.39 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

343.39 (2) Whenever a person's operating privilege is automatically reinstated, the department shall forthwith notify such person thereof and shall return any

surrendered and unexpired license in its possession. If the license expired during the period of revocation or suspension, such person may renew the license at the standard renewal fee at any time within 30 days after the reinstatement of the operating privilege.

**SECTION 9.** 345.47 (1) (c) of the statutes, as affected by 2003 Wisconsin Act 139, is amended to read:

345.47 (1) (c) If a court or judge suspends an operating privilege under this section, the court or judge shall immediately may take possession of, and if possession is taken, shall destroy, the suspended license and the court or judge shall forward it to the department together with the notice of suspension, which shall clearly state that the suspension was for failure to pay a forfeiture, plus costs, fees, and surcharges imposed under ch. 814. The notice of suspension and the suspended license, if it is available, shall be forwarded to the department within 48 hours after the order of suspension. If the forfeiture, plus costs, fees, and surcharges imposed under ch. 814, are paid during a period of suspension, the court or judge shall immediately notify the department. Upon receipt of the notice and payment of the reinstatement fee under s. 343.21 (1) (j), the department shall return the surrendered license.

**Section 10.** 345.48 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

345.48 (2) If the defendant is found guilty of a traffic violation for which revocation of his or her operating privilege is mandatory under s. 343.31, or for which the court revokes or suspends his or her operating privilege under s. 343.30, the court shall immediately may take possession of, and if possession is taken, shall destroy, the suspended or revoked license. The revocation or suspension is effective

- immediately. The court ordered suspension or revocation shall be included as part of the report of conviction under sub. (1m).
- 3 Section 11. 345.48 (3) of the statutes is repealed.
- **SECTION 12.** 345.48 (4) of the statutes is amended to read:

345.48 (4) If notice of appeal is filed the court shall, within 5 working days after it is filed, forward to the department a certificate stating that a notice of appeal has been filed and shall return any surrendered license. Thereafter, the court shall notify the department as required under s. 343.325 (1) (b) and (c).

**SECTION 13.** 800.09 (1) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

800.09 (1) (c) The court may suspend the defendant's operating privilege, as defined in s. 340.01 (40), until restitution is made and the forfeiture, assessments and costs are paid, if the defendant has not done so within 60 days after the date the restitution or payments or both are to be made under par. (a) and has not notified the court that he or she is unable to comply with the judgment, as provided under s. 800.095 (4) (a), except that the suspension period may not exceed 2 years. The court shall may take possession of, and if possession is taken, shall destroy, the suspended license and. The court shall forward the license along with, a notice of the suspension clearly stating that the suspension is for failure to comply with a judgment of the court, to the department of transportation. This paragraph does not apply if the forfeiture is assessed for violation of an ordinance that is unrelated to the violator's operation of a motor vehicle.

**SECTION 14.** 938.17 (2) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

938.17 (2) (d) If a municipal court finds that the juvenile violated a municipal ordinance other than an ordinance enacted under s. 118.163 or an ordinance that conforms to s. 125.07 (4) (a) or (b), 125.085 (3) (b), 125.09 (2), 961.573 (2), 961.574 (2)

or 961.575 (2), the court shall enter any of the dispositional orders permitted under s. 938.343 that are authorized under par. (cm). If a juvenile fails to pay the forfeiture imposed by the municipal court, the court may not impose a jail sentence but may suspend any license issued under ch. 29 for not less than 30 days nor more than 5 years, or suspend the juvenile's operating privilege, as defined in s. 340.01 (40), for not more than 2 years. If a court suspends a license or privilege under this section, the court shall immediately take possession of the applicable license and forward it if issued under ch. 29 or, if the license is issued under ch. 343, the court may take possession of, and if possession is taken, shall destroy, the license. The court shall forward to the department that issued the license, tegether with the notice of suspension clearly stating that the suspension is for failure to pay a forfeiture imposed by the court, together with any license issued under ch. 29 of which the court takes possession. If the forfeiture is paid during the period of suspension, the court shall immediately notify the department, which shall thereupon, if the license is issued under ch. 29, return the license to the person.

**SECTION 15.** 938.34 (8) of the statutes is amended to read:

938.34 (8) FORFEITURE. Impose a forfeiture based upon a determination that this disposition is in the best interest of the juvenile and in aid of rehabilitation. The maximum forfeiture that the court may impose under this subsection for a violation by a juvenile is the maximum amount of the fine that may be imposed on an adult for committing that violation or, if the violation is applicable only to a person under 18 years of age, \$100. Any such order shall include a finding that the juvenile alone is financially able to pay the forfeiture and shall allow up to 12 months for payment. If the juvenile fails to pay the forfeiture, the court may vacate the forfeiture and order other alternatives under this section, in accordance with the conditions specified in

this chapter; or the court may suspend any license issued under ch. 29 for not less than 30 days nor more than 5 years, or suspend the juvenile's operating privilege, as defined in s. 340.01 (40), for not more than 2 years. If the court suspends any license under this subsection, the clerk of the court shall immediately take possession of the suspended license and forward it if issued under ch. 29 or, if the license is issued under ch. 343, the court may take possession of, and if possession is taken, shall destroy, the license. The court shall forward to the department which issued the license, together with a notice of suspension clearly stating that the suspension is for failure to pay a forfeiture imposed by the court, together with any license issued under ch. 29 of which the court takes possession. If the forfeiture is paid during the period of suspension, the suspension shall be reduced to the time period which has already elapsed and the court shall immediately notify the department which shall then, if the license is issued under ch. 29, return the license to the juvenile. Any recovery under this subsection shall be reduced by the amount recovered as a forfeiture for the same act under s. 938.45 (1r) (b).

**SECTION 16.** 938.34 (8d) (d) of the statutes is amended to read:

938.34 (8d) (d) If the juvenile fails to pay the surcharge under par. (a), the court may vacate the surcharge and order other alternatives under this section, in accordance with the conditions specified in this chapter; or the court may suspend any license issued under ch. 29 for not less than 30 days nor more than 5 years, or suspend the juvenile's operating privilege, as defined in s. 340.01 (40), for not less than 30 days nor more than 5 years. If the court suspends any license under this subsection, the clerk of the court shall immediately take possession of the suspended license and forward it if issued under ch. 29 or, if the license is issued under ch. 343, the court may take possession of, and if possession is taken, shall destroy, the license.

The court shall forward to the department which issued the license, together with a notice of suspension clearly stating that the suspension is for failure to pay a surcharge imposed by the court, together with any license issued under ch. 29 of which the court takes possession. If the surcharge is paid during the period of suspension, the suspension shall be reduced to the time period which has already elapsed and the court shall immediately notify the department which shall then, if the license is issued under ch. 29, return the license to the juvenile.

### **SECTION 17.** 938.34 (14m) of the statutes is amended to read:

938.34 (14m) VIOLATION INVOLVING A MOTOR VEHICLE. Restrict or suspend the operating privilege, as defined in s. 340.01 (40), of a juvenile who is adjudicated delinquent under a violation of any law in which a motor vehicle is involved. If the court suspends a juvenile's operating privilege under this subsection, the court shall immediately may take possession of, and if possession is taken, shall destroy, the suspended license and forward it. The court shall forward to the department of transportation together with a notice stating the reason for and duration of the suspension. If the court limits a juvenile's operating privilege under this subsection, the court shall immediately notify the department of transportation of that limitation.

### **SECTION 18.** 938.34 (14r) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

938.34 (14r) (a) In addition to any other dispositions imposed under this section, if the juvenile is found to have violated ch. 961, the court shall suspend the juvenile's operating privilege, as defined in s. 340.01 (40), for not less than 6 months nor more than 5 years. The court shall immediately may take possession of, and if possession is taken, shall destroy, any suspended license and forward it. The court shall forward to the department of transportation together with the notice of

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suspension clearly stating that the suspension or revocation is for a violation of ch. 961.

**SECTION 19.** 938.342 (1g) (a) of the statutes is amended to read:

938.342 (1g) (a) Suspend the person's operating privilege, as defined in s. 340.01 (40), for not less than 30 days nor more than one year. The court shall immediately may take possession of, and if possession is taken, shall destroy, the suspended license and forward it. The court shall forward to the department of transportation together with a notice stating the reason for and duration of the suspension.

**Section 20.** 938.343 (2) of the statutes is amended to read:

938.343 (2) Impose a forfeiture not to exceed the maximum forfeiture that may be imposed on an adult for committing that violation or, if the violation is only applicable to a person under 18 years of age, \$50. Any such order shall include a finding that the juvenile alone is financially able to pay and shall allow up to 12 months for the payment. If a juvenile fails to pay the forfeiture, the court may suspend any license issued under ch. 29 or suspend the juvenile's operating privilege, as defined in s. 340.01 (40), for not more than 2 years. The court shall immediately take possession of the suspended license and forward it if issued under ch. 29 or, if the license is issued under ch. 343, the court may take possession of, and if possession is taken, shall destroy, of the license. The court shall forward to the department which issued the license, together with the notice of suspension clearly stating that the suspension is for failure to pay a forfeiture imposed by the court, together with any license issued under ch. 29 of which the court takes possession. If the forfeiture is paid during the period of suspension, the court shall immediately notify the department, which will thereupon, if the license is issued under ch. 29, return the

license to the person. Any recovery under this subsection shall be reduced by the amount recovered as a forfeiture for the same act under s. 938.45 (1r) (b).

**SECTION 21.** 938.344 (2e) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

938.344 (2e) (b) Whenever a court suspends a juvenile's operating privilege under this subsection, the court shall immediately may take possession of, and if possession is taken, shall destroy, any suspended license and forward it. The court shall forward to the department of transportation, together with the notice of suspension clearly stating that the suspension is for a violation under s. 961.573 (2), 961.574 (2) or 961.575 (2), or a local ordinance that strictly conforms to one of those statutes.

**Section 22.** 938.355 (6) (d) 2. of the statutes is amended to read:

938.355 (6) (d) 2. Suspension of or limitation on the use of the juvenile's operating privilege, as defined under s. 340.01 (40), or of any approval issued under ch. 29 for a period of not more than 3 years. If the juvenile does not hold a valid operator's license under ch. 343, other than an instruction permit under s. 343.07 or a restricted license under s. 343.08, on the date of the order issued under this subdivision, the court may order the suspension to begin on the date that the operator's license would otherwise be reinstated or issued after the juvenile applies and qualifies for issuance or 2 years after the date of the order issued under this subdivision, whichever occurs first. If the court suspends the juvenile's operating privileges or an approval issued under ch. 29, the court shall immediately take possession of the suspended license or approval and forward it may take possession of, and if possession is taken, shall destroy, the suspended license. The court shall forward to the department that issued it, together with the license or approval the notice of suspension, together with any approval of which the court takes possession.

**SECTION 23.** 938.355 (6m) (a) 1m. of the statutes is amended to read:

938.355 (6m) (a) 1m. Suspension or limitation on the use of the juvenile's operating privilege, as defined under s. 340.01 (40), or of any approval issued under ch. 29 for not more than one year. If the juvenile does not hold a valid operator's license under ch. 343, other than an instruction permit under s. 343.07 or a restricted license under s. 343.08, on the date of the order issued under this subdivision, the court may order the suspension or limitation to begin on the date that the operator's license would otherwise be reinstated or issued after the juvenile applies and qualifies for issuance or 2 years after the date of the order issued under this subdivision, whichever occurs first. If the court suspends a juvenile's operating privilege or an approval issued under ch. 29, the court shall immediately take possession of the suspended license or approval and forward it may take possession of, and if possession is taken, shall destroy, the suspended license. The court shall forward to the department that issued the license or approval with a notice stating the reason for and the duration of the suspension, together with any approval of which the court takes possession.

**Section 24.** 961.50 (1) (intro.) of the statutes is amended to read:

961.50 (1) (intro.) If a person is convicted of any violation of this chapter, the court shall, in addition to any other penalties that may apply to the crime, suspend the person's operating privilege, as defined in s. 340.01 (40), for not less than 6 months nor more than 5 years. The court shall immediately may take possession of, and if possession is taken, shall destroy, any suspended license and forward it. The court shall forward to the department of transportation together with the record of conviction and notice of the suspension. The person is eligible for an occupational license under s. 343.10 as follows:

- 2 (1) This act first applies to convictions, suspensions, revocations, and refusals
- 3 occurring on the effective date of this subsection.

4 (END)